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Agricultural Summary

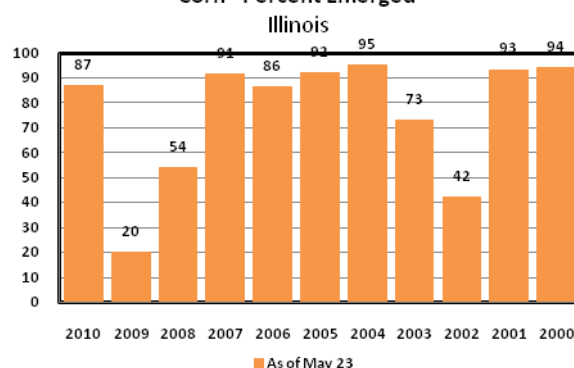
Wet field conditions kept many producers out of the fields except for some scouting of previously planted corn and soybeans. Producers are discovering more corn acreage in need of replanting due to flooding from previous weeks. Last week saw temperatures and precipitation return to levels closer to normal than previous weeks. Temperatures averaged 63.1 degrees, 2.3 degrees below normal across the state. Statewide precipitation averaged 1.39 inches, .48 inches above normal, with 1.5 days suitable for fieldwork. Corn plantings are basically complete and corn emergence is at 87 percent compared to the five-year average of 69 percent. Soybeans are 47 percent planted compared to the five-year average of 54 percent. Soybean emergence is at 27 percent compared to the five-year average of 24 percent. Winter wheat is 81 percent headed and 28 percent filled. Topsoil moisture was rated 1 percent very short, 1 percent short, 53 percent adequate and 45 percent surplus. Corn condition is 1 percent very poor, 4 percent poor, 18 percent fair, 62 percent good, and 15 percent excellent. Winter wheat condition is 6 percent very poor, 23 percent poor, 35 percent fair, 34 percent good, and 2 percent excellent. Pasture condition is 16 percent poor to fair and 84 percent good to excellent.

Crop Progress Percents

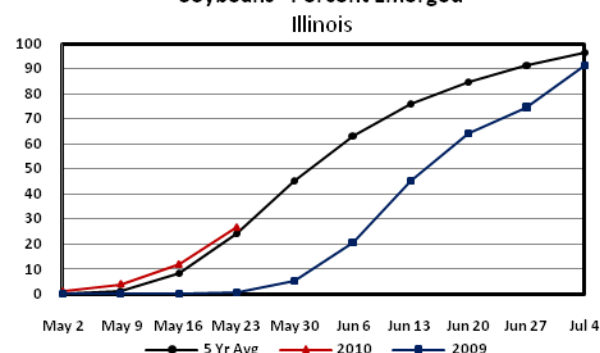
	This Week	Last Week	2009	5-Year Average
May 23				
CORN:				
Planted	97	96	56	87
Emerged	87	78	20	69
Average Height	6	4	4	5
SOYBEANS:				
Planted	47	42	10	54
Emerged	27	12	1	24
SORGHUM:				
Planted	16	16	3	30
WHEAT:				
Headed	81	60	77	83
Filled	28	8	17	34
Turning Yellow	1	1/	0	5
OATS:				
Headed	24	15	5	12
Filled	3	1/	2	3
ALFALFA:				
First Cut	26	13	22	34
RED CLOVER:				
Percent Cut:	13	5	10	29

1/ Less than one percent.

Corn - Percent Emerged



Soybeans - Percent Emerged



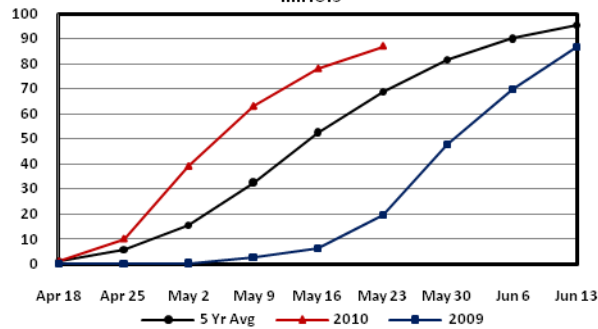
Crop Condition Percents

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
May 23					
Corn	1	4	18	62	15
Winter Wheat	6	23	35	34	2
Oats	1	1	21	67	10
Alfalfa	1	4	19	59	17
Red Clover	1	4	23	62	10
Pasture	-	2	14	63	21

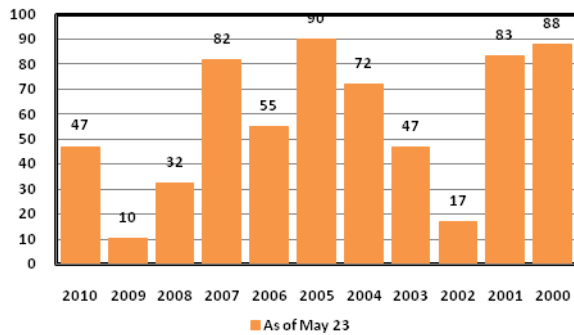
Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture Percents

District	Days Suitable For Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture Percents			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	May 17 - 23			May 23	
Northwest	3.7	-	4	76	20
Northeast	2.4	-	-	87	13
West	0.1	-	-	38	62
Central	0.8	-	-	58	42
East	0.5	-	-	64	36
W Southwest	0.8	-	-	24	76
E Southeast	0.5	-	1	40	59
Southwest	2.9	-	-	62	38
Southeast	2.2	14	2	14	70
State	1.5	1	1	53	45

Corn - Percent Emerged
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Soybeans - Percent Planted
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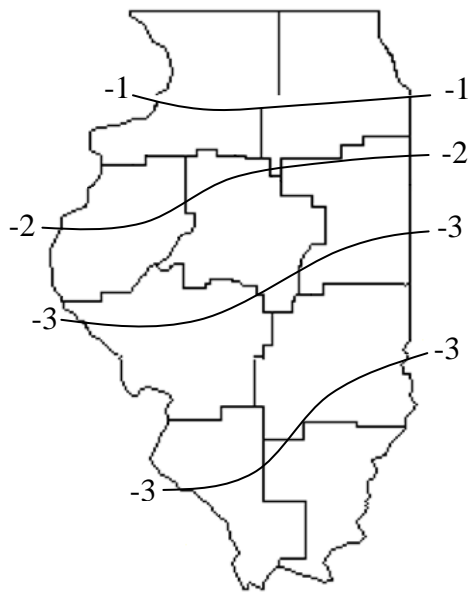


Crop Progress Percents by Districts

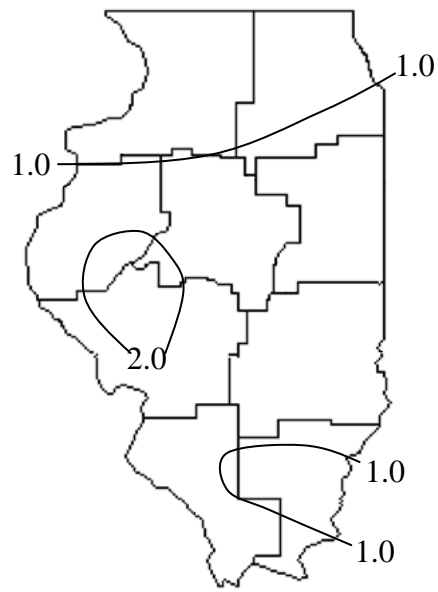
District	Corn Emerged	Corn Average Height	Soybeans Planted	Soybeans Emerged
May 23				
Northwest	89	5	67	26
Northeast	64	5	56	23
West	76	4	32	16
Central	95	6	61	31
East	95	7	67	42
W Southwest	92	6	45	28
E Southeast	89	7	28	22
Southwest	75	7	20	13
Southeast	84	7	42	26
State	87	6	47	27

Weather Information Table

District	Temperature		Precipitation		Growing Degree Days	
	Average	Departure	Total	Departure	Since May 1	Departure
May 17 - 23						
Northwest	62.7	-0.7	0.52	-0.43	215	-56
Northeast	61.8	-0.6	0.79	-0.13	215	-40
West	63.4	-2.2	1.93	0.97	239	-65
Central	62.8	-2.3	1.79	0.90	244	-57
East	61.7	-3.1	1.93	0.99	252	-43
W Southwest	62.8	-3.7	2.25	1.40	263	-61
E Southeast	63.6	-3.0	1.26	0.43	303	-23
Southwest	64.3	-3.2	1.18	0.31	334	-11
Southeast	65.3	-2.4	0.78	-0.18	355	6
State	63.1	-2.3	1.39	0.48	265	-41



Temperature (°F) Departure
May 17 - 23



Precipitation (in.) Total
May 17 - 23

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